

# WOODBURN, THE QUEEN CITY OF FRENCH PRAIRIE

## PIONEER LAWYER OF WOODBURN



E. P. Morcom.

As an attorney Mr. Morcom has worked his way up until his name stands among the foremost practitioners of Marion county. His aim seems to be to keep his clients out of court as far as possible, but when he is compelled to take a case before a judicial tribunal, it is his pride to push it to a winning. His treatment of clients has been such that his

practice has grown to be one of the most extensive in the country.

E. P. Morcom is the pioneer attorney of Woodburn, and one of its sterling citizens. Mr. Morcom came to Oregon in 1891, and has lived in Woodburn the greater part of that time. He is recognized at home as one of the most genial and substantial citizens whose influence is ever being exerted for the up-building of his home town. This pioneer lawyer of Woodburn was born in Dodgeville, Wis., February 6, 1860. His father died when he was only six months old, and the first 17 years of his life found him working on the farm and acquiring a ruggedness of body which gave him the strength of mind which enabled him to graduate at the head of his class in the high school in '82. After leaving the high school he was four years assistant postmaster at Dodgeville, and then removed to Tower, Minn., in 1887, where he was in the employ of the Minnesota Iron Works for three years.

It was at Tower that Mr. Morcom formed a partnership with W. H. Johnson and entered into the practice of law. He had been reading law at spare times ever since he was 15 years of age.

In 1891 he came west and stopped in Portland until 1892, when he removed to Woodburn.

### Colonel J. M. Poorman.

Mr. Poorman started in life as a railroad man, and it was during these years in which he followed this branch of industry that he acquired those habits of system and order which have followed him up to the present time. He came to Woodburn in 1882, and for the past 22 years this town has felt the influence of his masterly spirit. Colonel Poorman built the first drug store in Woodburn, which he sold in 1890, going into the banking business, becoming cashier of the Woodburn bank, which position he has retained with the exception of the time spent in the Philippines during the late war. A man of high ideals, of exceptional educational ability, his position on the school board has enabled him to give to the whole community the benefit of his superior ability.

Colonel Poorman is one of the few men whom the writer has met with who, being bankers, are also for and with the common people. There is no public enterprise but receives his aid. There is no worthy object that he ever passes by. In 1900 he was elected representative to the lower house of the Oregon legislature by a big Republican majority, and his record in that body was always on the side of the people.

Colonel Poorman has much confidence in Woodburn's future, and Woodburn's citizens believe implicitly in the integrity of their fellow-citizen.



G. F. Bonney.

The subject of this sketch is not only a native son of Oregon, but also of Woodburn. An attorney of marked ability, with a host of friends, he has always made himself felt in local politics.

He was prominently spoken of for county judge in the last campaign, and is to be found staunch and true to his principles.

He has been connected with bee culture very prominently, having written extensively not only for coast but also for eastern journals.

Endowed with the natural ability to get at the bottom of things, he has applied himself closely to the law, endeavoring to master the basic principles

and apply them to each case that has been intrusted to his care. He is but another illustration of where close application and study will win. He expects early in the year to remove to Klamath Falls, where he will open a law office.

### Woodburn's Furniture Store.

Mr. Harry Cole, who has been in Oregon for the past seven years, came to Woodburn September last and went into the furniture business. He had industriously followed the pursuit of farming and hop raising and buying, but sought a business which would give him a wider scope. His stock of goods is very complete, and when you visit the store you find that neatness and order which is noticeable in department stores. Furniture, wall paper, oils, paints, glass, picture moulding and picture frames are there, and the better quality of each of these is only kept.

Mr. Cole himself impresses you as a man of heart, one who is willing that his fellowman should have a chance as well as himself.

He believes that business can be done without resorting to subterfuge. In fact, as Woodburn grows, as she is bound to, it is safe to say that Harry Cole will always be found in the front ranks of those who are working to crowd this little city forward.

### Woodburn Pharmacy.

Mr. H. L. Moore, who is proprietor of the Woodburn pharmacy, has been in Oregon for the past 16 years. Although only 26 years old, Mr. Moore has built up a business of which any man might feel proud. 'Tis but another instance of the benefits which follow when one heeds the injunction of Solomon: "Be constant in spirit, diligent in business, etc." He not only attends to compounding prescriptions, but keeps school supplies, toilet articles, runs a news and telephone depot, and has a department devoted to jewelry.

### G. U. McGuire.

Mr. McGuire is a native son, has lived in Woodburn for the last 16 years, and owns a comfortable two-story house at the corner of Grant and Third streets. His cigar and candy stand, with which he runs in connection oysters and ice cream in their seasons, is well patronized, and is neat and tasty.

### Farm, Fruit, Timberlands, Insurance, Leases and Collections

## Real Estate

Woodburn City Property a specialty

Chas L. Ogle, Jesse F. Short  
WOODBURN, ORE.

The title over the head of this paper is worthily bestowed upon the live metropolis of one of the most interesting historical regions of Oregon. Surrounded by a fertile region under high cultivation, having a substantial class of progressive farmers, and enterprising citizenship, who are natural leaders in all that pertains to the welfare of the county or state, Woodburn has a great future. A growing city with good government, a wide-awake class of people, good schools and fine churches, growing manufactures, two railroad lines, a bank, constitute about all that incoming population can ask for when seeking a place for a home.

Situated as it is, in the midst of one of the most prosperous farming sections of Marion county, it does a general business, which makes its influence felt upon the commerce and industries of the valley. Population is estimated between 1350 and 1500. Four churches are represented with resident pastors, and six other denominations have occasional services. The Catholic church, with Father Levesque in charge, has a membership of 475. Rev. D. H. Leech has charge of the Methodist church, with a membership of 150. The First Presbyterian church, with Father Anderson as pastor, has 100 members, and is in a very prosperous condition.

Woodburn's prosperity is due to the enterprise and enthusiasm of her business and professional men. As one of them said: "Salem will have to hurry or Woodburn will become not only the commercial center of the French prairie, but also the central figure of Marion county." One can get some idea of the rapid growth of Woodburn when it is said that the writer was shown 16 new buildings which had been erected within a radius of four blocks within the past six months. There is an electric light plant, which, the citizens claim, gives as good service as is to be found in Portland. One thing strikes the vis-

itor on going into the town. All the buildings seem to be substantial. Ordinarily, coming into a new place, the stranger sees many unsightly buildings, little shacks that ought to be torn down, buildings which have not seen paint in so long that they have become strangers to it.

None of these things greet the eye of one who visits Woodburn. The business houses, as well as the dwellings, are well built, and show a mark of prosperity which is pleasing to the newcomer.

Woodburn has the distinction of having one of the best kept hotels of any town or city outside of Portland. Mrs. Tomlinson, the proprietress, understands the art of entertaining the traveling public. Whoever has partaken of her hospitality has a desire that other hotels emulate her plans. She was, for six years, assistant principal of the public schools at Woodburn, and upon the death of her husband found herself in possession of a hotel of 21 rooms, and the only hotel of any importance in town. Carrying out the principle which was the moving factor of her school regime, she aims to make her hotel "the best there is." She is a keen observer and close student of human nature. This is made manifest by the fact that of all her years of experience as hotel-keeper she has never been beaten out of a board bill, not even by a newspaper man.

One of the most pleasant evenings that the Journal representative has spent was in the office of this hotel, when in a casual way he fell into conversation with Mr. J. W. Becker, wholesale representative of Eiler's piano house of Portland. To hear Mr. Becker talk of the piano trade was as educational and interesting as listening to the words of some noted lecturer. Any house which is fortunate enough to have the services of this experienced piano salesman is to be congratulated.

## POLITICAL AND BUSINESS LEADER



Walter L. Tooze, One of the Men Who Made Woodburn.

The most interesting history of a city that can be written is to trace the character of the men who are its builders and who are backing its life and enterprises. In the case of the subject of this sketch, there is the double identity of the man making the city and the city having made the man. No two things in existence were ever more closely identified than the individual and the community—Walter L. Tooze and Woodburn. His hand and brain and energy and capital have gone to build the reputation, the business, the buildings, the streets and the soul of the country roads leading into Woodburn. Mr. Tooze has been school clerk, school director,

mayor, postmaster, since seven years, and is at present also chief of the volunteer fire department. No man can be more active and enthusiastic in politics than Mr. Tooze. He is always at the head of a Republican delegation, or has been downed after a scrap in which some one knows there has been a contest. He has been delegate to more county conventions, state conventions, congressional conventions than almost any man in Oregon. He has been national delegate to Republican club conventions, chairman of the state convention in 1898, has taken part in every state campaign since 1892, has been a member of the congressional committee for Marion county, and chairman of the Republican congressional committee of the First district in 1904. As a hop speculator and produce dealer, he has set the pace for high prices to the producer. He owns one of the finest farms in the county adjoining Woodburn, and it is his greatest pride that the farmers of the county with whom he has had business relations for 20 years are his most loyal friends. Mr. Tooze is a man of action, a man of the people, a man who keeps busy, not chasing after office, but in taking a full hand in those activities that go to make the country richer and the community he lives in more prosperous for all classes of citizens. He is the type of man who must come to the front in the future if this state is to be rapidly developed into the grand commonwealth for which it was destined by nature.

### A Valuable Relic.

The Writer was shown a book in Father Levesque's library which is worthy of mention, it being a transcript over 1500 years old. Probably all the capital represented in Woodburn's industries would not induce the owner of this book to part with it.

## "The Elite"

New Store New Stock

The only modern, up-to-date Store between Portland and Salem. :: :: Gents' Furnishings and Children's School and Dress Shoes

## A MAN OF ACTION AND ENTERPRISE



The above cut is a fair representation of a Woodburn business block.

It was built some 10 years ago by the owner, Hon. P. A. Cochran, whose picture appears in the upper left-hand corner. Few people spend a day and a night in Woodburn without coming in contact with this man of thought, energy and action. A descendant, as he is, from one of the most stalwart of Oregon's early settlers, he possesses those characteristics and attainments which stamp upon his bearing, as well as his face, the mark of leadership. Born with an indomitable spirit, a strong sense of justice, a keen insight into the many complications which his fellowman meets with in the political arena, we find in the Hon. P. A. Cochran a man who is continually struggling with himself to ascertain what is right, but neither the flattery of his fellowmen nor the threats of the opposing faction causes him to waver or falter when once he believes he understands the truth.

Mr. Cochran was born near Albany, January 1, 1854. The log cabin in which he first saw the light of day is still standing. A chair which his father (who died when he was nine years old) strung the seat with deer skin in 1863 he still has in his possession. The leather is well preserved. The chair has neither break nor loose joint, and Mr. Cochran considers it a heirloom, which is rightfully entitled to a place among the relics of early Oregon history.

Fourteen years ago he removed from Linn county to Woodburn, and in a speech which he recently made at Beach's hall he made this remark: "He loved Oregon, he loved Linn county, but he loved Woodburn better, and would rather have the distinction and honor of being mayor of Woodburn than governor of Oregon."

Whatever else may be said concerning the Hon. P. A. Cochran, candor and truth must always be granted as

one of his characteristics. He openly declares himself as being out for mayoralty honors, and it is confidently expected by his more intimate friends that the tide of popularity will land him in line for Binger Hermann's place in the national house. It does Mr. Cochran more good to shake hands with a Democrat than it does to eat a meal of victuals, and neither the entreaties of his wife, the urgency of business or the crying needs of an empty stomach have ever been able to entice him away from a heated political argument. A stalwart of the stalwarts, a well posted leader in the midst of a thinking community, with a volume of words that roll from his lips like the roar and rush of an untamed river, the Hon. P. A. Cochran carries his audience out upon a sea of enthusiasm, the mighty billows which have landed him, upon more occasions than one, high and dry upon the shoulders of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Cochran openly declares that Binger Hermann's scalp is not the only one he is after. He says that although he gave time, money and energy to the election of Governor Chamberlain, and was led to believe that he (Cochran) was to receive some recognition at the hands of the present governor, that after the election Chamberlain absolutely refused to give him any recognition whatsoever, even so much as walking guard at the penitentiary, and now that prosperity and popularity is drifting his way, and that the common people are beginning to recognize that in P. A. Cochran they have a staunch and true advocate and friend, he is going to make it a point to down George E. Chamberlain if he ever sticks his head above the political horizon again.

Mr. Cochran hasn't a care or worry in this world. Financially, he is independent; politically, he is a Democrat; religiously, he follows that good and true old rule, "Do unto others as you would that they would do unto you."

## DIRECTORY

Woodburn's Official, Business and Professional Men.

### City Officials.

Mayor—Grant Corby.  
Aldermen—W. L. Gennan, John Zimmerman, Elmer W. Finzer,  
Marshal—Amos Beach.  
Police Judge—C. Frank Whitman.  
Street Commissioner—L. M. Maxwell.

### Grocers.

J. A. Austin.  
G. L. Schyder.  
E. C. Price and Son.  
Gniss-Beebe Mercantile Co.  
O. A. Mendel.

### Dry Goods.

A. E. Austin.  
Price and Son.  
Gniss-Beebe Mercantile Co.

### Drugs.

H. L. Moore.  
Grover Drug Co.

### Hardware.

J. R. Landon & Son,  
Altrow & Co.  
O. D. Henderson.

### Real Estate.

Livesay & Wilson,  
S. B. Stewart,  
Olge & Short.

### Jewelers.

J. Voss.  
A. W. Bennett.  
J. J. Klepser,  
T. M. Hick.

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### Livesay & Wilson.

One of the main causes of the rapid movement in real estate in and around Woodburn is the progressiveness and push of Livesay & Wilson, real estate men.

Both being old residents and men of candor and truth, their judgment and word can always be relied on, and parties entrusting the transfer of real estate to their judgment will always find things exactly as represented.

The volume of their business speaks this, as they have sold about \$200,000 worth of realty since March 1st.

Many a man realizes after he gets into the swim that he is sadly in need of a life-preserver.

### T. M. HICKS, Prop.

## The Valley Nursery

Grower and distributor of fruit, nut and shade trees, shrubbery, rose bushes, vines, etc.

The Italian Prune a Specialty.

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